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WE ARE REALLY HAVING A GOOD ONE..... As this issue is being prepared we are in the middle of the worst winter that I can remember!! Like many parts of the country, here in Southern West Virginia, it has been 'ruff - 'ruff! A few mornings ago, it was minus 23 degrees - our gas went off - the power went off - and we had to move to my sister's home and spend time in front of a log burning fireplace... plenty of water pipes frozen... cars wouldn't go, etc. etc. Then, when some gas pressure returned, the gas company cut off the meters on all business places for two or three days.... you might have seen the national news on TV from Fayetteville, W.Va. (NBC, I believe) showing the situation !

But... better days are coming !! By the time of the Spring Meeting at Pipestem, it will all be history and all NSCA members can join right in on the swaps and other activities of the big 10th Anniversary meeting.... Don't forget to get your reservations in early !! See the form in this issue of the bulletin.... Too, read all about the Edkins Scrip Book - and other interesting items in this issue.... One other little one that I must pass along from the local papers in connection with the weather -- "They said it would be a cold day in h when an outsider was installed as governor of West Va. Well, it really was.... when Jay Rockefeller was installed as our new leader, the temperature was below zero at the Charleston town during the ceremony" -- We still have an urgent need of good material for the mail auction sales. The better items will bring you a good price and the sales charge is only 20% on items that sell!! -- Too, your attention is invited to the Open Letter to all NSCA members in another section of this issue.... So, get your reservation in and we will see you at Pipestem... Should get another issue of the bulletin to you in late March or early April... good collecting !!



The following members did NOT renew for the 1976 year and will be dropped from the mailing lists effective with the next bulletin.... Any member listed who wants to continue on the mailing list should send \$6.00 dues at once for the 1976 and the 1977 year to: Walter Caldwell, Secretary, P. O. Box 29, Fayetteville, W.Va. 25840

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The officers and members of NSCA extend our sympathy to the family of Scriptor Bill A. Light, 485 Penn Ave., Morgantown, W.Va. Scriptor Light passed away on February 1, 1977 following a heart attack. He was employed by the Consolidation Coal Company and had attended several of our NSCA events.

CLASSIFIED BY: [Redacted]

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Since the last bulletin, the following new members have joined our ranks... Why not make them welcome with a card or letter today? Who knows - they might want to exchange coal and lumber tokens with you.....

A REMINDER !! The large walnut hand-made trophy (a real beauty) will be awarded to the member turning in the most new members by the date of the annual meeting at Pipestem on Saturday, April 30th. YOU can be the winner !! Sign those new members today !!

389. W. D. Nesmith, Route 3, Box 197, North Augusta, S.C. 29841	(Paul Mace)
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396. L. H. Samworth, Box 1270, Huntington, W.Va. 25714	(Wm Long)
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(Name in parens indicates person to receive contest credit for securing membership)

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NSCA -- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

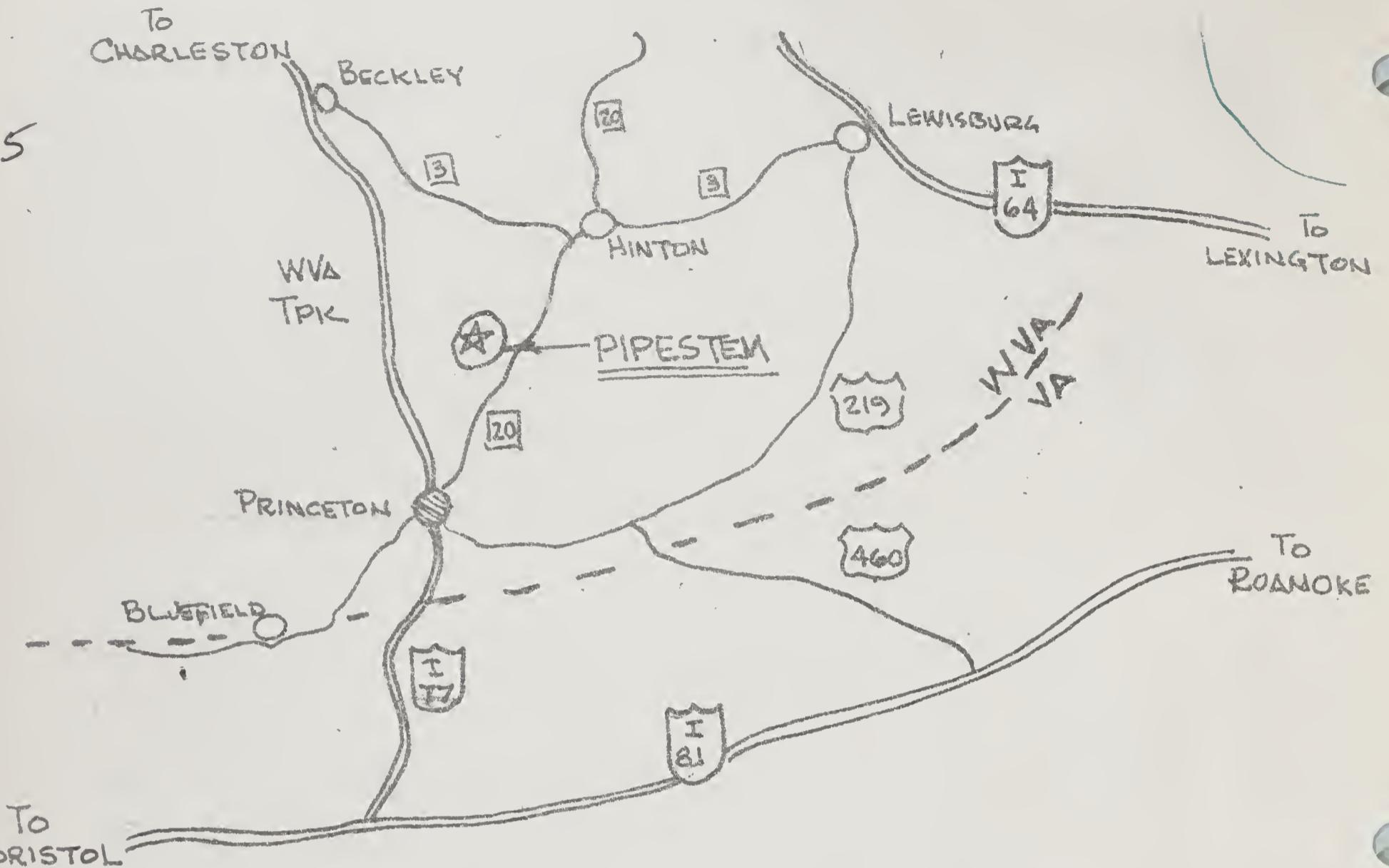
AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX. NO. OF SCRIP TOKENS: \_\_\_\_\_

By submission of this application, I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Scrip Collectors Association.

MAIL TO: Walter Caldwell, Secretary - P. O. Box 29, Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES - \$3.00



TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
MEETING NSCA  
PIPESTEM STATE PARK

APRIL 29 - MAY 1 1977

BELIEVE IT OR NOT ITEMS FROM WEST VIRGINIA -- BY: SCRIPTOR PAUL MACE

SINCE THE FIRST COAL SCRIP MEETING WAS HELD IN WEST VIRGINIA AND THE BULLETIN IS PUBLISHED IN THIS STATE, AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERS ARE FROM WEST VIRGINIA, INCLUDING MYSELF, I HAVE DECIDED TO WRITE THIS ARTICLE AND HOPE IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE. SOME OF THE EVENTS DESCRIBED HAPPENED WHILE WEST VIRGINIA WAS A PART OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.

MOTHERS DAY WAS FIRST OBSERVED AT ANDREWS CHURCH IN GRAFTON ON MAY 10, 1908.... THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS AT POINT PLEASANT ON OCTOBER 10, 1774 AND THE LAST BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AT FORT HENRY ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1782....

THE FIRST RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY WAS STARTED AT CHARLES TOWN ON OCTOBER 6, 1896.... MRS. FRANCIS PIERPONT OF FAIRMONT STARTED THE MOVEMENT THAT ON MAY 30, 1868, BECAME OFFICIALLY DECORATION DAY.... THE FIRST LAND BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR WAS FOUGHT AT PHILLIPPI ON JUNE 3, 1861.

WEST VIRGINIA WAS THE FIRST STATE TO HAVE A SALES TAX, STARTING JULY 1, 1921.... THE FIRST STEAMBOAT WAS LAUNCHED BY JAMES RUMSEY IN THE POTOMAC RIVER AT SHEPHERDSTOWN ON DECEMBER 3, 1787.... RACINE IS THE SITE OF A MEMORIAL COMMEMORATING THE DISCOVERY OF COAL IN 1742. THIS IS THE FIRST COAL REPORTED IN WEST VIRGINIA....

THE POCAHONTAS EXHIBITION MINE AND MUSEUM, ABOUT TEN MILES FROM BLUEFIELD, IS THE ONLY COAL MINE IN THE WORLD THROUGH WHICH VISITORS MAY WALK OR DRIVE THEIR CARS TO VIEW THE COAL.... THE GOLDEN DELICIOUS AND THE GRIMES GOLDEN APPLES WERE DISCOVERED IN WEST VIRGINIA....

WITH AN AVERAGE ALTITUDE OF 1500 FEET, WEST VIRGINIA HAS THE HIGHEST ALTITUDE OF ANY STATE EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.... THE FIRST STEEL CUT NAILS WERE MANUFACTURED IN WEST VIRGINIA IN 1883.... THE 1500 BLOCK OF VIRGINIA STREET IN CHARLESTON IS THE LONGEST CITY BLOCK IN THE WORLD....

"PAW-PAWS" (KNOWN AS WEST VIRGINIA BANANNAS) ORIGINATED IN WEST VIRGINIA.... THE FIRST SUSPENSION BRIDGE IN THE WORLD WAS COMPLETED IN WHEELING IN 1849 AND IS STILL IN USE.... THE FIRST MEMORIAL BUILDING TO WORLD WAR I VETERANS, LOCATED IN WELCH, WAS DEDICATED ON MAY 30, 1923....

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1977, THE NEW RIVER GORGE BRIDGE IN FAYETTE COUNTY WILL BE THE LONGEST STEEL ARCH BRIDGE IN THE WORLD. THE MAIN SPAN IS 1700 FEET AND IS 48 FEET LONGER THAN THE BRIDGE IN BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY, WHICH IS NOW THE LONGEST OF THIS TYPE. THIS NEW BRIDGE IS 876 FEET ABOVE THE NEW RIVER AND WILL BE THE SECOND HIGHEST IN THE UNITED STATES. (WALTER SAYS THIS BRIDGE IS IN HIS BACKYARD). (Editor's Note: Let's change that to say - "just a hop and a jump - around the curve - and almost in my back yard !").

THE BRONZE, SILVER AND PLATINUM MEDALS MADE FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA CENTENNIAL IN 1963 WERE THE FIRST PROOF MEDALS EVER MADE BY THE UNITED STATES MINT.... GENERAL CHARLES YEAGER, BORN IN WEST VIRGINIA, WAS THE FIRST MAN TO FLY FASTER THAN SOUND IN 1948. HE ALSO SHOT DOWN 13 PLANES IN WORLD WAR II. PRESIDENT FORD PRESENTED HIM WITH A SILVER MEDAL. THE U. S. MINT HAS THESE MEDALS, MADE IN BRONZE, FOR SALE TO COLLECTORS. THEY ARE 3" IN DIAMETER....

THE FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ORGANIZED AT OLD HARMONY CHURCH NEAR JANE LEW IN 1829.... THE FIRST ELECTRIC RAILROAD IN THE WORLD, BUILT AS A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE, WAS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN HUNTINGTON AND GUYANDOTTE.... THE FIRST BRICK STREET IN THE WORLD WAS LAID IN CHARLESTON IN 1873.

THE COAL HOUSE, THE ONLY RESIDENCE BUILT COMPLETELY OF COAL IN THE WORLD, IS LOCATED AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

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REFERENCES:

W.VA. DEPT. OF COMMERCE -- W.VA. DEPT. OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY -- FUNK & MAGNALLS -- COIN WORLD

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REMINDER TO ALL NSCA MEMBERS:

THE ANCIL DONOHUE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO SOME NSCA MEMBER AT THE PIPESTEM MEETING FOR THE BEST ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN "SCRIP TALK" BETWEEN THE HAWK'S NEST MEETING AND THE PIPESTEM MEETING. STILL TIME TO GET YOUR ARTICLE PUBLISHED SO RUSH IT IN TODAY.... NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT GRAMMAR, STYLE, ETC.... OUR READERS ARE INTERESTED IN DETAILS PERTAINING TO INTERESTING COAL AND LUMBER TOKENS IN YOUR COLLECTION... WHY NOT JOT DOWN A FEW LINES NOW !!

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COLE S. CUTTLE, EDITOR & PUBLISHER

## PIPESTEM MEETING

The map on back of this sheet shows roads to Pipestem, and here's the reservation form. What more do you need? Money? (Sell some scrip!) Time? (Take part of your vacation!) Wheels? (Go with a friend!)

Don't be left out - get your reservation in early. They can be cancelled up to 48 hours in advance. Send enough deposit money for one night. At Hawks Nest in Spring of 1976 a few of our members had problems with reservations and were forced to stay elsewhere. Please take note and make early reservations for Pipestem, since no other accommodations are available nearby.

DETACH AND MAIL THIS FORM TODAY  
ALL GROUP RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ON THIS FORM

PIPESTEM LODGE - MT. CREEK LODGE

Pipestem, West Virginia 25979

Phone: (304)466-1800

PLEASE Group Name Here      National Scrip Collectors Association

PRINT:

Arrival Date:

Departure Date

NAME:

ADDRESS

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Amount of Deposit Enclosed

Phone

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED: (Indicate number of each choice)

SING.

Double

Suite

A deposit in the amount of \$12.00 for the first night's lodging is required. All deposits are fully refundable if notice of cancellation is received within 10 days prior to date of arrival. All rates are subject to 3% state sales tax. CHECK IN TIME is 4:00 P.M. and CHECK OUT TIME is 11:00 A.M. Rates subject to change without notice.

ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT.

THANK YOU!

H. G. Duncan Coal Co.  
Scenes in Graham in 1908



# Andrew Roark's Graham history

the first house in town was built by Mr. C. C. Clegg, a man from New York, who had come to Graham to buy land. He built a house on Main Street, just west of the present site of the First National Bank. It was a two-story house with a front porch. It was the first house in town.

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John Scadding, John Scadding, Kelly and others, Vice Mayor, R. W. and others, Owen, Gandy, Gandy and others. There were many stores, including a barber shop, the factors--T. J. Scott, John D. Barralson, William L. Lotus, Howell and others.

Graham had taxis, other cars made their debut, and two livery stables, Hulster and Rogers. Boys would take rigs and take their cattle carts for a drive up in the country. That was something.

Graham had two good boarding houses, Compton and Render.

The company built its own power plant and made its own electricity for years. They built a new power plant, more modern and converted the old plant into a coke plant.

Graham has produced some good men, such as doctors, lawyers, bankers, judges, sheriffs and preachers and some good business men.

This is some of the good news, but there was another side not so good. As always, some attended church, some did not, quite a few gambled and it was not very uncommon to go up the hill back of colored rows on Sunday and see three to five crap games and that many or more poker games. But they were very quiet and never disturbed the people in town. There was a bunch who did not gamble but liked to play ball pitch for fun. On Sunday they would get in the shade and have some big pitch games.

Central City had saloons. Some would catch the train down to Central City about 12 o'clock in Central City about two hours, catch another train back. They would set themselves in order and remember well--they would bring back jugs of beer in glass demijohns and kegs in them.

With all this sobering out, but one of the miners commented, "We would have been home with their hats on before."

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BY: JOHN FLISS, 321 PERSHING DRIVE, NEW KENSINGTON, PA. 15068

Q. A new collector and member wants to know what is a "maverick?"

A. As it pertains to our hobby, a "maverick" token is one whose information is incomplete, vague or indefinite as to specific location or firm name or both. The meaning is similar to unbranded cattle born on the range. Where do they belong for certain?

Q. What is the composition of the metal tokens generally found in our coal scrip collections?

A. The yellow brass tokens contain 70% copper and 30% zinc. The red brass tokens contain 80 to 88% copper and the balance is zinc. This is according to Caldwell's "Coal Company Scrip". The aluminum token is primarily that or slight variations of it. A true copper token must contain 95% pure copper as stated in a recent Coin World article. A bronze token is an alloy of less than 95% copper and the balance in tin or sometimes other elements. The white metal (wm) token often referred to as nickel silver or German silver is an alloy of copper, zinc and nickel. As to the proportions, I am uncertain.

Q. What ultimately happened to the once abundant N.R.&P. Stores metal scrip?

A. Bob Craig has heard two stories. Each store destroyed their own scrip such as the Thayer scrip which was supposedly thrown into New River. The other story is that all scrip was sent to the main office of Berwind-White from whence it has disappeared. (Editor's note: Too, another factor causing short supply of this scrip is the fact that the company changed from metal to paper scrip many years ago. Most of the miners holding metal scrip could not financially afford to put away specimens of the metal and exchanged it for paper at the company offices.)

Q. A reader wants to know what is "monobel"?

A. It is a type of explosive used in past mining operations. I am not certain if it is still used today. I do not know its chemical composition.

## COMMENTS AND ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS:

Re: H. R. Hollis & Co. in the previous issue of Scrip Talk. Bob Craig states the following: Stone quarries and a large cement operation could be possible users of the Hollis scrip, with the Alpha Portland Cement Co. of Manheim across the Cheat River from Rowlesburg being the most likely prospect. Alpha acquired the property in 1909 from Buckhorn Portland Cement Co. and shortly thereafter began mining stone. They had a large coal house which could have been supplied by their own coal mines. Alpha built 25 modern cottages, each with a garden plot for its 180 workers. There was also the Preston Blue Stone quarry in the area which could have used the Hollis scrip. The annual Mine Reports of 1916, 1924 and 1928 do not refer to any commercial mines at Rowlesburg. Any mines in the area prior to 1914 were small "country" mines. And while digging up this information, Bob also found out that the Kane Creek Coal Co. at Kanes Creek, W.Va. (Preston Co.) was operating the Iona and Field Mines in 1923. Those of you having the Kanes Creek Supply Co. tokens in your collection can now attribute these tokens with certainty. A thank you to Bob from all of us.

## MAVERICKS:

I am sure many collectors have a number of IS09 and IS14 maverick tokens in their personal collections. If not, we at least see many offered in auctions and sales. Many of these

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: (Continued)

could be coal or lumber tokens. At the suggestion of Paul Jensen, we are listing some of these tokens in the hope that it will prove interesting and possibly some can be identified. Too, we encourage all members to send in a list of their mavericks. Your response in identification and also in sending in maverick lists will determine if this is to be continued.

A. D. Andrews Merc. Co.  
A. J. Atchley & Co.  
The Acme Store  
R. G. & H. H. Baker  
L. J. Barry  
F. B. Bell  
Berginan & Obarr Market  
C. Blackburn  
Bolman & Hennon  
Boston & Son  
Brown & Megaliley  
Otis Carson  
Commonwealth Grocery Co.  
A. S. Cote  
J. A. Cox  
Crombie Bros.  
A. F. Dantzler & Co.  
John D. Davis  
Leslie Dickens  
W. J. Dickey & Sons Inc.  
B. S. Dillehay  
M. L. Durbin & Co.  
R. J. Dixon  
G. M. Ellison & Co.  
Wm. Ellwood  
S. E. Farmer  
J. B. Forrester  
R. G. France  
Herrnan Gielow  
F. S. Gooch & Co.  
A. N. Gorrell  
F. G. Hagemeyer  
John F. Hall  
M. L. Hammon  
Edw. Hauser  
W. T. Heck  
H. Hillesheim & Co.  
Heacock & Weisenecker  
C. E. Inman  
Bruce Jackson

P. F. Jasper  
O. H. Judy  
Jones & Yager  
George Johnson  
Keller Bros.  
Wm. Lockhorn  
Lowe Bros.  
C. Lowry & Sons  
Marvel Supply Co.  
P. M. Mauney Gen. Mdse.  
T. Miller  
Mead Deskins Stores  
The M. W. Co.  
Friend McDaniel  
Fred O'Donnell  
C. R. Partridge  
A. E. Pearce  
Priest Behrens Merc.  
C. H. Pritchett  
E. B. Riddle & Son  
Robertson Bros.  
Romano's Store  
M. Roth  
Rottero Bros.  
Jas. A. Seager  
L. F. Simmen  
J. W. Smithman  
Speta Smaic Grocery  
Jos. Steele  
C. Sunderman  
Otto B. Swanson  
Chas. Tate  
Fayette Taylor  
J. F. Waugh  
B. L. Webster  
H. J. Wendelken & Son  
Winn & Trice  
R. V. Wohlford  
H. S. Ulrich  
W. S. Young

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(Editor's Note: I show John F. Hall as coal at Red Star, Fayette Co., W.Va. Must have had some basis for this. Possibly Scriptor Skaggs in Mount Hope can help on this one and others on this list. W.C.)

# STIP'S TIPS

R. R. TIPPY, PRESIDENT  
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In the last issue we stated, "At this time we can report to you that the Edkins Scrip Book is closer to a reality than perhaps it has ever been, but to reach our mutual goal will not be easy. Your committee is very optimistic and will keep you advised."

At this time your committee regretfully reports that their efforts to raise the necessary funds on a loan basis were only partially successful. Consequently, we are in what might be described as a "holding pattern". At this point in time, we are discouraged, but certainly not ready to "throw in the towel". Should any of you have comments, observations, or questions, please contact any member of the book committee: Don Edkins, Cole Cuttle, John Fliss and myself. We will continue to pursue all avenues and keep you advised.

The "BUSINESS MEETING" at the Spring Meeting at Pipestem State Park will convene at 1:15 p.m., on SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1977. This segment of NSCA's TENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING has a number of important items on the agenda including: (1) Panel type discussion by members of the catalogue committee and taking whatever action may be deemed necessary. (2) Submission of a proposal by Paul Jensen and his committee on the establishment of NSCA rules for the sale of a deceased member's collection. (3) Nomination and election of officers for a two-year term. (4) Presentation of awards by John Fliss and Walter Caldwell to the scriptors writing the best story for Scrip Talk and sponsoring the most new members during the past year. (5) Selection of a site for the Fall 1977 meeting. We propose to let the membership vote on this item. We encourage any scriptor (s) who would like to co-host this meeting to present to the membership what you have to offer. Fred Lange, chairman of this committee, advises that scriptors from the Morgantown, West Va. area have indicated they have much to offer in their area and will tell us about it at the meeting. We encourage others from other sections to do likewise. (6) Good of the organization - under this section of business we invite the membership to speak their piece.

POTPURRI: METCA (Merchant Token Collector's Association) and BRNA (Blue Ridge Coin News) recently carried a feature story on coal scrip tokens, the hobby, and the NSCA. A special thanks to Barry Bender for his nice words about our organization and hobby and we would like to return the favor. We encourage any scriptor who has an interest in other type tokens to write to Barry, who is Editor and Publisher of Trade Token Topics. Since he is a new member of NSCA, you will find his address in another section.... A FACT - it is anticipated that a scrip book would normally increase the value of your collection.. Another FACT - Fred and Judy Lange will have some pleasant surprises for those attending the Pipestem meeting... Another FACT - to date SCRIP TALK is published without any charge to you !!

THERE IS ALWAYS A BETTER WAY -- YOUR CATALOGUE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP IN FINDING THIS WAY !!

Scripfully,  
"Tip"

# Open Letter

TO ALL NSCA MEMBERS:

A few short years ago in Hickory Gap, South Carolina, a young fellow started collecting Civil War tokens. He exchanged his duplicates with another near-by collector and later heard of another collector at a local coin show and started exchanging his extra tokens. Later, he learned of the existence of a Civil War Token group and applied for membership. Still later, it was announced that the group was publishing a listing of all known Civil War tokens and this collector was able to add listings of several of the tokens in his collection. This comprehensive listing of all known varieties resulted in the publication of a Civil War token book. This book described the known tokens and placed a relative value on each token through a rarity scale. As a result of the publication of a book on Civil War tokens, many, many new collectors joined the ranks as avid collectors. Many, many token dealers now offered these interesting tokens to collectors since they had a basis for determining the value of the various items. As a result of the book, this collector in South Carolina saw the value of the tokens in his collection increase because of the economics of "supply and demand".

Sometime ago, a collector in Wildwood, Missouri, saw some transportation tokens in a coin dealer's window. He remembered that he had saved a small number of these tokens as he travelled across the country during World War II. He didn't know that anyone else was saving these bus and street car tokens. Upon talking with the coin dealer, he learned that there was available a book which listed all types of transportation tokens and told about an organization of collectors. He immediately purchased the book, the tokens on display in the window, and rushed madly home to dig out the tokens he already owned. The final result was another happy collector of transportation tokens and a new member of the collector's organization.

Now, this very day, the over three hundred members of the National Scrip Collectors Association have an opportunity to advance the hobby of coal token collecting! Our organization is on the threshold of the publication of a major book on these interesting tokens! News of this venture was given at the last meeting in Corbin, Kentucky in the fall of 1976 and additional information will be presented at the Spring 1977 meeting at Pipestem State Park. Too, details were presented in the last issue of "Scrip Talk" and more information will be found in this issue. In addition, several of you have received a letter from the Book Committee in regard to this project.

The future of the hobby of coal scrip token collecting is in YOUR hands!! The response that you make during the next few months will determine - to a great extent - the future of our interesting hobby and the resulting value of your individual coal scrip collection!! Are YOU ready and willing to assume your share of the burden to see that a book on coal scrip tokens becomes a reality??

*Walter W. Johnson*

# COLONEL CALDWELL'S



# MAIL AUCTION SALE



# CLOSING DATE

SALE NO. 39



**CLOSING DATE:**

MARCH 30, 1977



coal mine

LOT NO. 1. Four pieces - \$1 br American Coal Co. Pinnacle (WV) - \$1 Lake Superior Coal Co., Superior, WV - \$1 Geneva Supply Co. Martin Pa \$1 wm - 25¢ br Geneva Supply Co.  
2. Paper Scrip - Strip of 5 - 1¢ - Arnettville Store - (The Courtney Coal Co., Meadowbrook, WV - Harrison County)

Consignment A222MP :: A goodie assortment of scrip from W.Va. and Ky. -

3. \$5.00 escalloped wm - Oglebay Norton Co., Kayford, W.Va. - solid - MM2  
4. 3 - \$1.00 Ky. items - Berger Coal Mining Co., Le Junior, wm O2 - Southeast  
Coal Company, Seco - wm - O4 '39 - Sudduth Fuel Co., Stone - br - MM1  
5. 7 - \$1.00 W.Va. items - a nice mini-collection :: \$1 alum The Orlandi Coal  
Co., Dartmont -- \$1 br New Era Coal Co., Delbarton -- \$1 br Upland Coal & Coke  
Co., -- \$1 alum Gulf Coal Company -- \$1 br Mead-Tolliver Coal Co., Killarney --  
\$1 alum Wyoming Coal Company -- \$1 br Raleigh Wyoming Coal Co., Glen Rogers

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Consignment 33ARS - Misc. coal tokens - Better check the listings carefully !!

LOT NO.

6. Semet-Solvay Division, Longacre WV - 1¢ br O4 '51 - arrow cut
7. American Coal Co. Crane Creek WV 1¢ alum solid O2 bent
8. American Coal Co. (Crane Creek) WV - \$1 IS14 - br - C cut
9. American Coal Co. Crane Creek WV - \$1 - O2 - Br - C bckwd cut
10. Benedict Coal Co., St. Charles, Va. - 25¢ br - O4 '40 - bckwd B cut - 5 pieces same
11. Benedict Coal Co., - same as above except 50¢ - Lot of 5 like pieces -
12. Benedict Coal Co., - same as above except \$1 - Lot of 5 like pieces -
13. Boone Supply Co Prenter WV 5¢ O4 '51 14. Cannelton Coal & Coke \$1 wm O2
15. Carbon Fuel Co Carbon WV 25¢ wm O2 16. Carbon Fuel Co Carbon WV 50¢ br O2
17. Carbon Fuel Co Carbon WV \$1 wm O2 18. Crozer Coal & Coke Elkhorn WV 1¢ br MM2
19. Crozer Coal & Coke - 5¢ br MM2 20. Crozer Coal & Coke \$1 br ICS .
21. Crummies Creek Coal Cawood Ky 5¢ 25¢ \$1 alum unk mfg - all slightly bent
22. Edna Gas Coal Co Brady WV \$1 br O1 - counterstamped "5" arrow up cut
23. Gay Coal & Coke Mount Gay \$1 br MM2 24. Harcorw Mines Harcrow Ky 5¢ wm O4 nd
25. Lake Superior Coal Co Superior WV - Two diff 1¢ One alum O2 - One br O4 '42
26. Leckie Smokeless Anjean WV 1¢br MM2 - 5¢ wm MM2 - 10¢ wm MM2 -\$1 wm MM1
27. Mary Frances Coal Co Ingram Branch WV 10¢ br O4 '46 and \$1 br O4 '40
28. Merrill Stores Henlawson WV 5¢ green fiber O4 '43 and 10¢ red fiber O4 '43 star cut
29. New Century Coal Co Ragland WV \$1 wm O4 nd -bowtie cut - large die breaks on obv
30. New Era Coal Delbarton WV \$1 br O2 31. Olga Coal Co Coalwood 1¢ br O4 '48
32. Parsons Elkhorn McDowell Ky 25¢br O4 - 33. Raven Red Ash Raven Va 5¢ br MM2
34. Seneca Stores Co (Portage Pa) 10¢ nipltbr solid -ISC1 - Picture of Indian Chief
35. Upland Coal & Coke \$1 br ICS 36. Warner Collieries Mammoth WV 10¢ br
37. YocumCreek Coal Evarts Ky 5¢ br O2 - X cut - bid on lot of 5 pieces
38. YocumCreek - 25¢ br O2 - X cut - bid on lot of 5 pieces

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Consignment 44EGO :: Sets, singles, and you better check closely !!

39. Berger Coal Mining Co. Inc., Le Junior Ky \*\*SET 5¢ thru \$1 -wm - Orco 2 (5 pcs)
40. Branch Coal & Coke Co. Elverton WV - 2 diff 5¢ IS14 and ISC2 - 2 diff 10¢ ISC1 and ISC2 - 25¢ ISC1 - 50¢ ISC2 - and \$1 ISC1 - (7 pcs)
41. AIKEN County Stores Inc. Bath S.C. "bckwd B cut" SET 5¢ thru \$1- Orco 2 mfg
42. AIKEN County Stores Inc. Clearwater SC "bckwd C cut" SET 5¢ thru \$1 - Orco 2
43. AIKEN County Stores Inc. Langley SC "bckwd L cut" SET 5¢ thru \$1 - Orco 2
44. AIKEN Stores Inc Williamston SC "W cut" SET 5¢ thru \$1 - Orco 4 - 1939 dated
45. Good Coal Co., Wallins Ky 25¢ wm - bckwd C cut - O2
46. Harlan Gas Coal Co. Malcumson Ky - 5¢ wm - club type cut - unk mfg - a goodie!
47. Inter-Mountain Coal & Lbr. Co. (Putney Ky) 5¢ wm MM2 - 10¢ wm MM2 - \$1 ICS
48. Verda Supply Co. Verda Ky 25¢ br -boomerang cut - O2
49. Wallsend Mercantile Co. (Pineville Ky ) 25¢ br - club type cut - MM2
50. Wheeler Coal Co. Store No. 3 - Anchor Ky \$1 wm - W cut - ICS -AU cond
51. mini-collection of 1¢ from The New River Company - 7 pcs - alum - 11 Stanaford O4 '44 - 12 Harvey O4 '49 - 13 Glen Jean O4 '46 - 14 Price Hill O4 '39 - 15 Kilsyth O4 '40 - 16 Oswald O4 '40 - K Kilsyth O4 '49

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Consignment 55JJJ :: Set, single and what-have-you...

NOTE: On the following lots, consignor has requested that 10% bid rule be used. Bid what you want and your bid will be reduced to 10% above the second highest bid on the following lots ::

52. Avis Eagle Coal Company(Lyburn WV) 5¢ br ISC2, 2-50¢ br ISC2 -\$1 br ISC2 (4 pcs)
53. Black Diamond Coal Mining Co Whitwell Tenn SET 5¢ thru \$1 alum diamd cut unk mfg

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54. Block Coal & Coke Block Tenn \*\*SET 1¢ thru \$1 (6 pcs) zinc - B cut - ISC2

55. Blue Diamond Coal Co Bonny Blue Va 1¢ solid O4 '48

REMEMBER -- 10% bid rule applies starting with Lot No. 52 THRU Lot 76

TO THE COLLECTOR CONTEMPLATING SALE OF HIS COLLECTION ::

We need a GOOD collection for future auction sales !! Will buy or take on consignment !! If your coal and/or lumber token collection is for sale, please let me hear from you !! If you send items for consignment, please list each item and give composition, denomination, manufacturer, etc. as shown on our auctions....

**COLONEL CALDWELL'S MAIL AUCTION SALE NUMBER 38**

CLOSING DATE: JANUARY 30, 1977

THIS IS A FREE BONUS FOR ALL NSCA MEMBERS!! OTHERS CHARGE \$1 OR MORE FOR "PRICES REALIZED". ON TIE BIDS, THE EARLIEST POSTMARK WAS AWARDED THE LOT !! ON NUMBERS NOT SHOWN, NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED !!

Remember !! The profits (if any) from the MAIL SALE pays for publication of "SCRIPT TALK"... To continue we need to have good material for auction !! May we hear from you ??

1/8.65	2/8.75	3/5.25	4/11.50	5/7.75	7/11.50	8/6.50	10/7.75
11/7.10	14/5.05	16/6.00	17/18.00	18/7.65	19/5.50	20/6.75	
22/5.95	23/6.00	24/5.25	25/1.55	26/1.05	27/1.00	28/1.00	
29/2.00	30/2.65	31/2.35	32/2.35	33/2.65	33a/3.55	34/5.55	
35/3.55	36/2.00	37/8.50	38/3.10	39/3.10	40/3.10	41/5.50	
42/12.00	43/4.30	44/14.00	45/7.55	46/2.55	47/3.35	48/3.35	
49/4.15	50/2.55	51/6.95	52/17.00	53/6.05	54/4.15	55/5.55	
56/1.35	57/3.55	58/5.10	59/3.10	60/3.10	61/16.95	62/4.25	
63/12.00	64/2.35	65/3.15	66/2.55	67/14.00	68/4.25		

Remember..... new officers will be elected at the Pipestem Meeting  
Who do YOU want to head YOUR organization for the next year ??

Too, an amendment  
to permit officers to  
year as presently ...

Many BIG things are in the works for the Spring Meeting !! Better get your reservation form in TODAY !! If you find later that you cannot attend, you can get a return on your deposit !! There are NO other accomodations close by, so get your reservation in today. In addition to the Main Lodge, there are cabins - and areas for parking camper type vehicles..... If you think Hawk's Nest was good, wait until you visit Pipestem !!





